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E.O. 12065: ADS-1 6/2/87 (KING, S) OR-H
TAGS: SA, SREF, PK, AF, RAID
SUBJECT: (U) SAUDI RED CRESCENT AID TO AFGHAN REFUGEES
IN PAKISTAN

1. (U) ACCORDING TO MAY 27 AND 28 EDITIONS OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY "PAKISTAN TIMES," THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SAUDI RED CRESCENT (SRC) IN PAKISTAN, DR. ABU BAKAR SADADAM, CLAIMED THAT SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN SRC HAD PROVIDED OVER 20 MILLION IN MEDICINES TO AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT THESE MEDICINES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH EIGHT HEALTH UNITS OPERATED BY THE SRC IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) AND BALUCHISTAN. THE NWFP HEALTH MINISTER WAS QUOTED THANKING THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND ASSERTING THAT "IT WAS ONLY DUE TO THE SINCERE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF THE MUSLIM COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SAUDI ARABIA, THAT PAKISTAN WAS ABLE TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING BASIC FACILITIES TO AFGHAN REFUGEES..."

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